

Due to the unfair position the former Bell carriers hold in all areas of telecommunications service provisioning (telephone, Internet access, advanced services, etc.) it is not in the public interest to forbear from applying regulatory oversight to the former Bell corporations in any category, including Internet access services. The former Bell monopolies have already pressured and squeezed out nearly all small businesses from providing access to Internet services. Allowing them to cut off independent ISPs at will shall not only rob me of my ability to choose my ISP, in my opinion it would also be a criminal violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act as the FCC would be allowing the Bell corporations to re-consolidate their economic position across state boundaries and essentially return the Bell Telephone corporation to its formerly unfair position.

I strongly urge the FCC to deny this (and any other similar request) by a former Bell corporation to shirk the responsibility they have to share access to a utility they would not have been able to create without assistance from the US Government (and public tax dollars.)